



MIAMI COUNTY RECYCLING DISTRICT

**MIAMI COUNTY RECYCLING DISTRICT BOARD MEETING**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2016 1:00 P.M.**

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**2651 W LOGANSPOUT ROAD PERU, IN**

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**MINUTES**

The Miami County Recycling District held a meeting of the Board of Directors on Monday, September 19, 2016 at 1:00 P.M. in the District Conference Room at the Miami County Recycling District located at 2651 West Logansport Road, Peru, Indiana.

**Attending:**

Board Members: Larry West–Chairman–County Commissioner, Don Morris–Vice–Chairman–Town of Converse, Joshua Francis –County Commissioner, Jerry Hamman–County Commissioner, Shirley Mull–County Council, Tom Gustin–City Council, Gabriel Greer–Mayor of Peru.

**Absent:** None.

**Staff Attending:** Samantha St. John–Director.

**Absent:** Carla Weaver–Assistant Director/Recording Secretary (working normal check-in and unloading of materials), Bill Berkshire–Legal Counsel.

**Others:** Mike Rorvik– Contractor for the District, Debbie Hackman–Indiana RCAP, Ryan Rody–Peru Tribune.

**Call to Order:** Chairman Larry West called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

**Approval of Minutes:**

- Board members reviewed the meeting minutes from the August 15, 2016 Board of Directors meeting. *Mr. Gustin motioned to approve meeting minutes; Mrs. Mull seconded. Motion carried (7-0).*

**Approval of Financial Report and Claims:**

- Board members reviewed the Financial report and claims. *Mr. Gustin motioned to approve the financial report and claims; Mrs. Mull seconded. Motion carried (7-0).*

#### **Director's Report:**

- Mrs. St. John told the board Ms. Weaver would be attending a safety training in Tipton on Tuesday September 20 and Wednesday September 21. The training is free due to a grant supplied to Solid Waste Districts through Rural Community Assistance Program (RCAP). Mrs. St. John will be attending the Association of Solid Waste Districts conference on Wednesday September 28 and Thursday September 29. Mrs. St. John said she expects to get good information from both events. Mr. West requested a written summary from both events at the next meeting.

#### **Lawyer's Report:**

- Mr. Berkshire was absent due to a court appearance. There was no lawyer's report.

#### **Old Business:**

- Mr. West noted that he, Mrs. Mull, Mr. Greer, and St. John met and discussed evaluation of the mission statement and how the district is doing compared to fulfilling the goal of the mission statement. Mr. West found some numbers that were reported to the state from the reports that are required to be filed by all districts per Senate Bill 131. He compared several districts that are close in population size to Miami County. He found some other information right before the meeting that could make the reports more accurate and will have another report at the next meeting. Mr. West requested that Mrs. St. John email the mission statement to the board and have their input. Mrs. St. John stated that she wrote the Mission Statement in 2011, because she could not find a mission statement that existed for Miami County. Mr. West questioned if there is a way to measure the success of the mission statement. He did note that the District does have a good handle on recycling, as the quantities are going up. She suggested working together and making any changes that might need to be made to the mission statement to do what is best for Miami County. Mr. West thinks most of the mission statement covers education. Mr. Francis questioned how the numbers on the reports could have so much difference between what was reported. Debbie Hackman replied that the state is working to find a good way to report all counties on the same level, as in apples to apples. The state started a reporting process this year as a step in this direction. Mr. West noted that there is a positive trend of recycling for the

District. Mrs. St. John noted that we lost the site in Gilead halfway through the year. This might affect the recycling numbers. Mr. West told Mrs. St. John to find a place in Gilead. Mrs. St. John replied she has been looking since the site was removed. The places it was formerly located do not want to host it again. Other possible locations have said they do not wish to host the location.

#### **New Business:**

- Mrs. St. John told the board she had a request from Mr. Storm at North Miami Elementary School for a recycling bin at that location. They have a lot of recycling programs in their classes and it is a long way for the children to take the recycling collections over to the high school. This will count as another site and cost the district an additional \$800 per month. *Mr. Francis motioned to place a bin at North Miami Elementary on a trial basis to see how full it gets and if it will continue to be worth the additional charge to the district to have it in place; Mr. Gustin seconded. Motion carried (7-0).*

#### **Public Comments:**

- Ryan Rody from the Peru Tribune asked why there was not curbside recycling. Mr. Francis replied with the rural locations of the housing in the county, it would not be cost effective. Mr. Greer said he thought it would. Mrs. St. John said she had looked into it for a county wide curbside program, but it was very expensive. The Solid Waste fee would double if we went to a county-wide curbside program.
- There was discussion of the finances past and present. The district has not raised the fee since 2010. District costs have continued to rise, but the higher costs of proper disposal and recycling have not been passed on to property owners.

#### **Next Board Meeting:**

- The Commissioners need to change the next meeting to October 24<sup>th</sup> due to a conflict on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. St. John will advertise the change in date.
- BOARD OF DIRECTORS- OCTOBER 24, 2016 at 1:00 P.M. 2651 W LOGANSPOUT RD. PERU, IN 46970

**Adjournment:** *Adjournment was unanimous.*

Samantha ST John, Director

Larry West, Board Chairman